INFORMATION ABOUT LICENSING

LOCKSMITH COMPANY

This packet contains information about obtaining a Locksmith Company license, descriptions of required qualifications, and license application forms. It is the policy of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (Bureau) to provide equal licensing opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, creed, marital status or sexual orientation.

The Bureau licenses and regulates Locksmiths in California under the provisions of the:

- California Business and Professions Code 6980-6980.84
- California Code of Regulations (formerly California Administrative Code)
 Title 16, Division 7

No person may engage in the business of a Locksmith in California without obtaining the proper license from this Bureau. Any person who operates without a license, unless exempted, or who represents himself or herself to be licensed and is not licensed, is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. Licensing laws and regulations are subject to change. Applicants are responsible for staying informed of legislative or regulatory changes which may affect the status of their application. If any such changes affect the status of an application after it has been filed with the Bureau, the applicant will be notified.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Each person listed on the application (owner, partner, corporate officer, person to be in active charge) is required to meet certain general qualifications regarding fitness for licensure.

The person who will be in active charge of the business for a Locksmith Company is referred to as the person in active charge. Each company license must have one person designated for this duty. The person in active charge may be an owner, partner, or corporate officer.

DENIAL OF LICENSURE

A criminal history check is made on all applicants through the completion of a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Live Scan. The director may deny a license if any person listed on the application as owner, partner, corporate officer or person in active charge have done any of the following:

- Been convicted of a crime. Any conviction of any crime or plea of nolo contendere, even if the conviction was dismissed under Penal Code section 1203.4, must be disclosed on the application.
- Committed any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or herself, or injure another.
- Committed any act which, if done by a licensee of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license.
- Knowingly made a false statement of fact required to be revealed on the license application.
- Had a license which is under suspension.
- Been refused a license or had a license revoked, or been an officer, partner or manager of any business that has been refused a license or had a license revoked by the Bureau.

 While unlicensed, committed, or aided and abetted the commission of, any act for which said license is required.

If a denial of licensure is based on a previous criminal act by the applicant, the crime or act must be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made.

APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMEFRAME

The following items may affect the time required to issue a license: incomplete application forms; incorrect or nonpayment of fees; the DOJ and FBI's response time on criminal history checks; and the time required to verify application information.

All applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please allow a minimum of four weeks before contacting the Bureau regarding the status of an application.

FORMS REQUIRED FOR LICENSE APPLICATION

The following is a description of each type of form that must be included with the application. All required forms must be completed and submitted to the Bureau with the appropriate fees before the application will be processed. If "fee required" appears by the form number, see the attached Locksmith Company Schedule of Fees for the amount. The attached Locksmith Company Application Forms Checklist on page 6 also lists the forms required for a Locksmith Company license. Please check the completed application package against this list before submitting it to the Bureau.

Application for License (Form 31E-4) (fee required)

A separate Locksmith Company application must be filed for each entity applying for a license. For example, if an applicant wants to have a Locksmith Company sole ownership in addition to having a partnership with someone else, the applicant must file two separate Locksmith Company applications.

Licenses are not transferable or assignable to new entities, and a change in ownership constitutes a new entity, with a newly assigned Locksmith Company license number. If the type of ownership/entity changes after filing an application or after becoming licensed, the applicant must submit a new application with the appropriate fees. For example, if a licensed sole owner later decides to form a partnership or corporation, the sole owner licensee must apply for a new license for the partnership or corporation.

Business address: A post office box or mailbox service may not be used as the address of record unless mail delivery to the physical location of the business is not possible or the principal place of business is located in your personal residence. If a post office box or mailbox service is listed as the address of record, the applicant must include an explanation for doing so with the application and provide the physical location/address of the business with the explanation.

Personal Identification Form (Form 31E-9) (no fee required)

Each person listed on the Locksmith Company Application for License as an owner, partner, corporate officer and/or person to be in active charge of the business must complete one of these forms and submit two passport quality photographs, taken within the past year. Any person who knowingly falsifies photographs required for licensure is guilty of a felony.

If the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime, it must be disclosed on this form along with an explanation of the circumstances. A conviction dismissed under Penal Code section 1203.4 or a plea of nolo contendere must be disclosed.

Request for Authorization of Business Name (Form 31E-12) (no fee required)

Business may not be conducted under a fictitious or other business name unless written authorization is received from this Bureau.

The Bureau recommends that an applicant wait until the issuance of a Locksmith Company license before incurring expenses related to the use of the name, e.g., stationery, business cards, advertising, telephone listings, etc. for the Locksmith Company. **Approval of a corporate name by the Secretary of State does not mean the name will be automatically approved as a business name by the Bureau.**

The Request for Authorization of Business Name form will not be processed before receipt of an application and fees. List business names to be considered in order of preference. Name approval or disapproval is not available by telephone. Applicants will be notified of name approval or disapproval after review and acceptance of the application.

Branch Office Registration Application (Form 31A-11) (fee required)

This form is required only if the applicant intends to conduct business from a location other than the principal place of business. A separate form is required for each branch location. If the applicant intends to have branch offices, the Locksmith Company Branch Office Registration form should be completed and submitted to the Bureau. It can be downloaded from the Bureau's website at http://www.bsis.ca.gov.

Fingerprint Cards are Rarely Acceptable

<u>CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS:</u> Effective July 1, 2005, DOJ, with rare exceptions, will only accept electronically submitted (Live Scan) fingerprints for criminal background checks related to employment, licensing, certification, etc.

Applicants who do not have reasonable access to Live Scan or have a justifiable reason to submit their fingerprints on a fingerprint card may apply for an exemption. Submit a "Request for Exemption from Mandatory Electronic Fingerprint Submission Requirement" form with your application and fingerprint card. This form is available at http://ag.ca.gov/publications/bcii9004.pdf.

To ensure timely processing of applications, as of June 1, 2005, the Bureau will accept fingerprint cards from California applicants only if they qualify for the exemption mentioned above.

<u>NON-RESIDENTS:</u> Out-of-state applicants will be deemed to lack reasonable access to Live Scan. Accordingly, hard fingerprint cards for such individuals will not be subject to the limitations described above.

Live Scan Sites and Forms

Live Scan is a system for the electronic submission of fingerprints and the subsequent automated background checks and responses. Simply go to the nearest Live Scan station to have your fingerprints submitted to the DOJ and FBI. Pay the Live Scan Operator the \$32.00 DOJ fingerprint processing fee and the \$17.00 FBI fingerprint processing fee. Additional rolling fees may apply. You may visit the Bureau's web site at http://www.bsis.ca.gov to link to the Live Scan sites and/or Live Scan form.

<u>Disclaimer:</u> Please request the Live Scan operator to include your social security number when keying your information in order to aid the Bureau in processing your application.

REQUIRED FOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Corporate Applicants Only

If a corporate application is filed and Articles of Incorporation or the Statement and Designation as a Foreign Corporation are already filed with the California Secretary of State, a copy of the **endorsed** articles should accompany the application. Endorsed Articles of Incorporation or the Statement and Designation as a Foreign Corporation are required before a corporate license is issued.

ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATIONS

If an applicant does not complete the license application process within one year after the application is filed with the Bureau, the application will be considered abandoned. Once an application is considered abandoned, the applicant will be required to submit a new Live Scan form, a new application, and appropriate fees.

FINAL STEPS IN THE LICENSING PROCESS

When all requirements are met for licensing, including the requirements for the person to be in active charge of the Locksmith Company, the applicant will be notified to send the following items:

- License fee, if not already paid (see Locksmith Company Schedule of Fees).
- Any additional information needed to complete the application.
- For applicants who applied as a corporation: Articles of Incorporation or Statement and Designation as a Foreign Corporation from the California Secretary of State, if not already submitted.

LICENSE RENEWAL

After a license is issued, it is subject to renewal as prescribed by law. The expiration date is shown on the license. If the licensee does not renew the license on time, delinquent penalties and reinstatement timeframes apply as prescribed by law. The Bureau will send an application for renewal before the license expiration date; however, it is the licensee's responsibility to renew his or her Locksmith Company license on time.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding the Locksmith Company licensing process or about completion of your application you may contact the Bureau at:

Bureau of Security and Investigative Services P.O. Box 989002 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9002 (800) 952-5210 (916) 322-4000

Although every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of this information packet, it does not have the force and effect of law, rule or regulation. Should any difference or error occur, the law will take precedence.

LOCKSMITH COMPANY APPLICATION FORMS CHECKLIST

This form is for your use only. Please <u>do not</u> submit it to the Bureau with your application. Your application package must include each form listed below, along with the correct fees.

APPLICATION AND FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Check off each form that you have completed. If there is a fee requirement, find the amount on the Locksmith Company Schedule of Fees and write it on the checklist. When all forms are checked off, submit your application package and appropriate fees to the Bureau. Make checks payable to the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

Application for License (Form 31E-4)	Application Processing Fee:
Personal Identification Form (Form 31E-9)	\$ 30.00
One form and two passport quality photographs, taken within the past year, for <u>each</u> owner, partner, corporate officer and manager.	License Fee: <u>\$ 45.00</u>
Second copy of the Live Scan form signed by the Live Scan operator, for <u>each</u> owner, partner, corporate officer and qualified manager.	
Request for Authorization of Business Name (Form 31E-12)	
Copy of Fictitious Name Statement filed with the county clerk.	
Corporation Applicants Only: endorsed Articles of Incorporation or the Statement and Designation by a Foreign Corporation if already filed with the California Secretary of State.	



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If you are a Veteran of the United States military, please check here.

This information is requested pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 6980.14 and will be used to determine eligibility for licensure. All information is necessary and if not provided, the application may be rejected. You must submit the licensing fee(s) with your application package. Failure to do so may delay the processing of your application. Please note that the application processing fee and/or license fees are non-refundable.			Department Use Only Prefix No. Iss. Exp.			
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3. Person in Active Char	ge Full Name					
4. Telephone – Business			Residence			
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6. Are you a Veteran of	the United States military?	☐ YES ☐	NO			
If yes, were	e you honorably discharged?	☐ YES ☐	NO			
Please include a copy of	of your DD-214 form as proof o	of your qualifyir	ng experience.			
any accompanying docu	ulty of perjury, under the laws of ments is true and correct, with f T ANSWER TO ANY QUEST	ull knowledge th	at all statements made in	this form are subje	ct to investigation	and that ANY
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SIGNATURES REQUIRED: Individuals whose names appear in item 3 and 6.Per California Civil Code, section 1798 (Information Practices Act), the chief of the Bureau is responsible for maintaining the information in this application. This information may be transferred to other governmental and enforcement agencies. Individuals have the right to review the records maintained on them by the agencies, unless the records are exempt by California Civil Code section 1798.40.

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PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION FORM LOCKSMITH COMPANY PRINCIPALS & CORPORATE OFFICERS

Each person listed on the Locksmith Company Application for License (Form 31E-4 s an owner, partner, corporate officer, and person to be in active charge of the business must complete and submit this form. This form is also to be completed for my change in corporate officer or person to be in active charge of the Locksmith Company after the license is issued. A corporate officer includes the chief executive officer, secretary, chief financial officer and any other officer who will be active in the business.			DEPARTM x	ENT USE ONLY	
This form must be accompanied by a Live Scan for operator, and two passport quality photographs, taken the state of the st					
Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. California Business and Professions Code section 30 Public Law 94-455 [42 USCA 405(c)(2)(C)] authorizes collection of your social security number. Your social security number will be used exclusively for tax enforcement purposes, for purposes of compliance with any judgment or order for family support in accordance with Family Code section 17520, or for verification of licensure or examination status by a licensing or examination entity which utilizes a national examination and where licensure is reciprocal with the requesting state. If you fail to disclose your social security number, you will be reported to the Franchise Tax Board, which may assess a \$100 penalty against you.					
This information is requested pursuant to Californi Code section 432.7 and will be used to determine erejected.					
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.					
1. This application is for a:	This application is for a: 2. A change in an existing license:		3. Name of Person in Active Charge		
☐ Locksmith Company	☐ Corporate C	Officer	(Ple	ease Print)	
	☐ Person in ac	etive charge			
	Other				
4. Business Name	L		5. License Number	(if licensed)	
6. Full Name Last First Middle 7. Social Security Number (Mandatory)					
8. Residence Address – Number and Street City State Zip Code			e		
9. Telephone Number Residence () Business ()	10. E-mail Address		11. Date of Birth (I	Mo/Day/Yr)
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13. Have you ever applied for or received a license of Professional and Vocational Standards, Burea Bureau, the Bureau of Collection and Investiga	eau of Private Investigator	s and Adjusters, the	Collection Agency	Licensing NO	
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15. Have you ever been convicted of any crime, or This includes all offenses, misdemeanors, and convictions entered after a plea of nolo content MUST also be disclosed. However, you need n	entered a plea of nolo con felonies in any state, feder lere (no contest). Convicti ot disclose crimes exclude	al jurisdiction, and f ons dismissed under	Penal Code section of Penal Code section	luding YES n 1203.4 NO	
16. Have you ever used a name other than your pre			YES 🗆	NO 🗆	
IMPORTANT: If you answered "YES" to any of the	preceding questions, atta	ch a supplementary	statement giving-a c	complete and detaile	d

explanation, including dates, names used, license numbers, reasons, convictions, etc.

ATTENTION – READ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THIS FORM

	lifornia, that all information contained on this Personal Identification Form and ge that all statements made in this application are subject to investigation and that enial or subsequent revocation of license.					
SIGNATURE	DATE					
Per California Civil Code section 1798.17 (Information Practices Act), the chief of the Bureau is responsible for maintaining the information in this application. This information may be transferred to other governmental and enforcement agencies. Individuals have the right to review the records maintained on them by the agencies, unless the records are exempt by California Civil Code section 1798.40.						
Attach two passport quality photographs, taken within the past year	DEPARTMENT USE ONLY					
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LOCKSMITH COMPANY REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF BUSINESS NAME

Any name under which you intend to do business, including your own name, must be submitted to the Bureau for approval pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 6980.17. A Request for Authorization of Business Name form will not be accepted prior to application for license. Business may not be conducted under a fictitious or other business name unless written authorization is received from the Bureau. Any advertisement must contain the *exact* business name as approved by the Bureau. Any advertisement must contain the *exact* business name as approved by the Bureau.

Locksmith Company: Business and Professions Code section 6980.17(c) states:

No license shall be issued in any fictitious name that may be confused with, or that is similar to any federal, state, county, or municipal governmental function or agency, or to any law enforcement agency, or in any name that may tend to describe any business function or enterprise not actually engaged in by the applicant. Business and Professions Code section 6980.17(d) states: No license shall be issued in any fictitious name that is misleading or would constitute false advertising.

* The Bureau must maintain a physical address of record on file at all times. If please list a mailing address in addition to the physical business address. If you address confidential from public record, please submit a written request and att	are operating out of you				
1. Name of Person in Active Charge					
2. *Physical Business Address – Number and Street	City	State	Zip Code		
3. *Mailing Address (If applicable)	City	State	Zip Code		
4. Telephone Number Residence ()	Bu	siness ()			
 5. List proposed business names in the order of preference. At least three choices should be provided if a fictitious name is requested; however, five choices are preferable. If the first name listed is approved, additional names will not be considered. Other criteria for name approval: If initials are to be used as part of the name, you must explain what they stand for. The use of the following words will not be approved for an individual or partnership license: Corporation, Corp., Incorporated, Inc. 					
The following words or initials will not be approved as part of a fictitious or business name: U.S., United States, Federal, State, Purson, Police, Teels Force, Community, County, On the control of the force of the control of the county, and the county of the county, and the county of the cou		Department Use Onl			
Bureau, Police, Task Force, Community, County. 1	Approved		Disapproved		
6. CERTIFICATION: If type of license is <u>individual</u> , the owner must sign. If type of license is a <u>partnership</u> , all partners must sign. If type of license is a <u>corporation</u> , a responsible corporate officer must sign. <u>I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State</u>	e of California that the fo	regoing is true and c	orrect.		
Signature Title		Date _			
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INFORMATION COLLECTION, ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE

The information you provide on this application is maintained by the Chief of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, Department of Consumer Affairs, 2420 Del Paso Road., Suite 270, Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 322-4000. The information is requested pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Division 3, Chapters 8.5, sections 6980 – 6980.84, and California Labor Code section 432.7; and/or Title 16, California Code of Regulation section 606.

It is mandatory that you provide all information requested. Omission of any item of required information will result in the application being rejected as incomplete.

Disclosure of your social security number is mandatory. California Business and Professions Code section 30 and Public Law 94-455[42 USCA §405(c)(2)(C)] authorize collection of your social security number. Your social security number will be used exclusively for tax enforcement purposes, for purposes of compliance with any judgment or order for family support in accordance with Family Code section 17520, or for verification of licensure or examination status by a licensing or examination entity which uses a national examination and where licensure is reciprocal with the requesting state. If you fail to disclose your social security number, you will be reported to the Franchise Tax Board, which may assess a \$100.00 penalty against you.

Your completed application becomes the property of the Bureau and will be used by authorized personnel to determine your eligibility for a license, registration or permit. Information on your application may be transferred to other governmental or law enforcement agencies. Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code section 6250 et seq.) and the Information Practices Act (Civil Code section 1798.61), the names and addresses of persons possessing a license or registration may be disclosed by the department unless otherwise specifically exempt from disclosure under the law. Consequently, the personal name and address information entered on the attached form(s) may become public information subject to disclosure.

You have the right to review the records maintained on you by the Bureau or department unless the records are exempt by California Civil Code section 1798.40. You may gain access to the information by contacting the Bureau at the above address.

The Unruh Civil Rights Act and other state laws contain prohibitions against gender-based pricing practices. Prices must be based on factors such as the difficulty of treatment or service, and not on the gender of the customer. Violators of these laws may be required to pay damages of a minimum of \$1,000.00 for each violation as specified in California Civil Code section 52. [Statutes 1994, chapter 535 (SB 1288)].

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LOCKSMITH COMPANY SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fingerprint processing fees are set by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

APPLICATION AND FINGERPRINT PROCESSING FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

LOCKSMITH COMPANY	
Application Processing Fee	\$30
License Fee	\$45
DOJ Fingerprint Processing Fee (\$32.00 paid at Live Scan site)	
FBI Fingerprint Processing Fee (\$17.00 paid at Live Scan site)	
TOTAL	\$75
Renewal Fee (Fee payable every two years)	\$45
Additional Delinquent Fee (postmarked after expiration date)	\$22.50
LOCKSMITH COMPANY BRANCH OFFICE	
Branch Office Fee	\$35
Renewal Fee	\$35
Additional Delinquent Fee (postmarked after expiration date)	\$17.50

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